

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CRIMINAL MINUTES – ARRAIGNMENT

Case No. 5:25-cr-00198-KK-1Date: 08/06/2025Present: The Honorable: Rozella A. Oliver, United States Magistrate JudgeInterpreter Estella MollLanguage SpanishEduardo Ramirez08/06/2025Neil Thakor*Deputy Clerk**Court Reporter / Recorder**Assistant U.S. Attorney*U.S.A. v. Defendant(s) ✓ Present In CustodyAttorneys for Defendants: ✓ Present CJA

Carlos Victor Mestanza Cercado

Adam Axelrad

Proceedings: Arraignment of ✓ **Assignment of Case**
Defendant and/or **Initial Appearance**

Appointment of Counsel

* Interpreter confirmed to be present in the courtroom assisting with interpretation. Name of interpreter: Estella Moll; Language: Spanish

* Court does not question defendant as to true name.

* Defendant is arraigned under name on the Indictment.

* Defendant acknowledges having read the Indictment and discussed it with counsel.

* Defendant pleads "not guilty" to all counts of the Indictment.

* This case is assigned to Judge Kenly Kiya Kato.

* It is ordered that the following date(s) and time(s) are set: Jury Trial: 09/29/2025 8:30 AM;

Pre-Trial Conference: 09/11/2025 1:30 PM; Motion Hearing: 09/11/2025 1:30 PM

* Government counsel provides trial estimate of 5-7 days.

* The parties are referred to Judge Kato's Procedures and Schedules to obtain a copy of the judge's discovery order located on the Court's website at www.cacd.uscourts.gov. For cases with previously assigned co-defendant(s), the parties are referred to the docket to review Judge Kato's criminal standing order, previously issued upon the first arraignment. Judge Kato is located in 3, Riverside - George E. Brown, Jr. United States Courthouse, 3470 Twelfth Street, CA 92501-3801.

cc: PSALA PSAED
 ✓ USMLA USMED
 Statistics Clerk
 ✓ CJA Supervising Attorney

PSASA
 USMSA
 ✓ Interpreter
 Fiscal

Initial Appearance/Appointment of Counsel: 00 : 00**Arraignment:** 00 : 03**Initials of Deputy Clerk:** ER by TRB